

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Civil Supplies – Enhancement of Annual income ceiling limit and related measures to ensure Food security and adequate nutrition to the needy population, especially children – Order s – Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVL SUPPLIES (CS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 27

Dated: 23-07-2008.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.57, CAF&CS Dept., Dated: 13.05.2005.
2. G.O.Ms.No.76, CAF&CS Dept., Dated: 25.06.2006.
3. G.O.Ms.No.18, CAF&CS Dept., Dated: 18.04.2008.
4. Recommendations of the Committee.

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ORDER:

The State of Andhra Pradesh, driven by democratic polity is committed to ensure total food security and adequate nutrition to its entire population. In order to identify such people, Government have fixed appropriate eligibility criteria from time to time. Government in the G.O.1st read above, had issued orders fixing the eligibility criteria for families as annual income below Rs.24,000/- in urban areas and below Rs.20,000/- or land holding not exceeding 2.5 acre wet or 5 acre dry in rural areas. However, due to substantial economic growth, occupational shifts, demographic migration and changing dietary patterns, there is a need to update such criteria on a periodic basis.

2. Keeping this objective in view and also upon receipt of several requests for increasing the annual income limit for obtaining white ration card so as to cover needy population, Government have reconsidered the matter and constituted a Committee consisting of the following officers to examine the issue afresh and submit its report:-

1.	Special Chief Secretary to Government, Planning Department	Chairman & Convener
2.	Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department	Member
3.	Principal Secretary to Government, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development(RD) Dept.	Member
4.	Principal Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Urban Development Dept.	Member
5.	Commissioner, Civil Supplies and Ex. Officio Secretary to Government, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department	Member

3. The Committee having examined various related issues has submitted its report in the reference 4th read above. The Committee made the following recommendations and opined that implementation of these recommendations will help ensure food security and adequate nutrition to the entire population – especially children:

- i. Revising the Income limits - (Nutrition Need Lines) to Rs.60,000/- per annum in rural areas and to Rs.75,000/- per annum in urban areas of the State. It would attach the Nutritional challenge directly and protect the present generation and the posterity from major Nutritional (moderately and

severely under nourished) deficiency. Such identified families should have access to Rice, Dals and edible oil at affordable rates like Rs. @ 2/- Kg. rice in the Public Distribution system. Subsidized rates for pulses and edible oils are equally important.

- ii. To earmark certain funds every year under the state budget to generate awareness on the need of balanced nutritional diet for the benefit of moderately and severely under nourished sections of population. Appropriate messages in local language with pictures may be disseminated through the vast network of PDS shops and
- iii. To take views on dovetailing some amount towards discouraging over eating coupled with irregular diets leading to over-weight problems such as Obesity. Obesity in our state and country today is still below 10% and within manageable limits. Any laxity and business as usual approach today is a sure recipe for future nutritional disaster as is faced in western societies, especially in USA.

4. Government while accepting all the above recommendations of the Committee, decided to implement the 1st recommendation, namely, increasing the income limits on the basis of Nutritional (moderately and severely under nourished) deficiency, with immediate effect. Superceding the orders issued in the G.O. 1st read above, Government now order that in rural areas, the families having an annual income up to Rs.60,000/- and up to Rs.75,000/- per annum for those living in urban areas from all sources of income shall be eligible for white ration cards to enable them to draw rice at Rs.2/- a Kg. thereby ensuring food security to the needy population – especially children. The orders relating to other two recommendations will be issued separately.

5. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A. P .,Hyderabad ad shall issue necessary instructions to the District Collectors / Chief Rationing Officer, Hyderabad, accordingly.

6. The District Collectors / Chief Rationing Officer, Hyderabad shall take immediate necessary action as per guidelines issued by the Commissioner, Civil Supplies Department.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance (AHFFCS.Exp) Dept. vide their U.O.No.7172/225/A2/AHFFCS&E/08, dt.23-07-2008.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH,
EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P, Hyderabad

All the District Collectors

The Chief Rationing Officer, Hyderabad

Copy to:

The Special Chief Secretary to Govt., Planning Department

The Principal Secretary to Govt., Finance Department

The Principal Secretary to Govt., PR&RD(RD) Dept.

The Principal Secretary to Govt., MA&UD Dept..

The Additional Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.

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SECTION OFFICER.